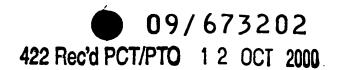
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#### Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that this Application for entering the national phase of the above-identified International Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, October /2, 2000, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL254113553US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231-0001, Attention U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).

### Enclosed are:

- Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office, in duplicate;
- Verified translation of International Application No. PCT/JP00/01123 as filed February 25, 2000, including Specification, Claims and Abstract;
- PCT Request Form-EASY;
- Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney/Claim of Priority (unsigned);

- 5. Thirty-one (31) Sheets of Formal Drawings comprising Figures 1 through 37B;
- 6. Copies of Forms PCT/IB/301, 304, and 308;
- 7. International Search Report;
- 8. English Translation of Japanese Priority patent application No. P11-051867 filed on February 26, 1999;
- 9. Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449 and cited prior art references;
- 10. Front cover page of International Application published on August 31, 2000 as Publication No. WO00/51079;
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#### CERTIFIED TRANSLATION

I, Reiko Nashimoto, am an official translator of the Japanese language into the English language and I hereby certify that the attached comprises an accurate translation into English of Japanese Application No. 11-051867, filed on February 26, 1999.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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